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# News Release

## **ALGERIAN MAN SENTENCED FOR LYING ABOUT AN AL QAEDA PLOT**

INDIANAPOLIS — A 36-year-old Algerian man who fabricated information about a terrorist plot in an apparent effort to avoid deportation was sentenced to a year in prison today, the result of an investigation by the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Ahmed Allali, 37, an Algerian national who resided Indianapolis, Ind., pleaded guilty to three counts of making false statements to a federal agency April 26. U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney sentenced him today to 12 months' imprisonment. He faces deportation from the United States after completing his sentence.

According to the criminal complaint, Allali lied to the JTTF throughout January when he told them that he knew members of the Al Qaeda terrorist network and resided overseas with them in the late 1990s. He also claimed to have traveled into the United States in 1998 with Al Qaeda members, and that there was an Al Qaeda operational cell in the United States that was planning to detonate bombs in five major U.S. cities in early 2005. According to the complaint, Allali fabricated this story in an attempt to avoid deportation.

"Lies told to federal authorities will eventually be discovered, especially by federal agents trained to investigate and dig for the truth," said Resident Agent-in-Charge Michelle Mangold of the Indianapolis ICE office. "Prosecuting these cases sends a strong signal that the consequences for fabricating information on terrorist organizations are severe."

# ICE #

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